

Village of Phoenix  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building  
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present:	Absent Mayor Anthony Fratto	Chief Marty Nerber
	Trustee Danny Dunn	Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
	Trustee John Halstead	Deputy Clerk Laura Gonzalez
	Trustee David Pendergast	Attorney Steven Primo
	Absent Trustee Ryan Wood	

2 Public in Attendance

Deputy Mayor Danny Dunn began the Board Meeting with a salute to the flag at 7:00 PM.

### **Deputy Mayor Report**

Deputy Mayor Dunn had nothing.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee John Halstead asked Administrator Lynch if he would look into clip-on microphones for them so they're not struggling to hear each other. Administrator Lynch will look into them.

Trustee David Pendergast asked if Administrator Lynch was going to speak about Brandy Brook Project. Lynch said he's spoken with Doug Miller from Miller Engineer and he's been in contact with Jeff from Seaway Earth & Pipe and he has an idea of what to do but hasn't firmed anything up yet.

### **Chief Marty Nerber**

Chief Marty Nerber said everything has been going well. We're moving forward with our CHOOSE program which is up and running and also there's a Facebook page. We have an intern with us tonight, his name is Justus Stahrr, Justus started with us a month ago. He has a program he's trying to come up with in the village for our CHOOSE program and is doing a 20 page paper on it with Oswego State. Justus said hello to everyone, we're trying to get a 3 on 3 basketball tournament going for the kids and adults. Originally we had the Schroepel Park set aside to do the tournament but Chief Nerber and Administrator Lynch had the idea to shut down State Street on Saturday, August 16, 2014 to have the tournament. It would be great opportunity for the community to come together and to promote the CHOOSE program. News Channel 9 Bridge Street Program wants us to come do interview about the CHOOSE program. He's been speaking to a lot of businesses and they've been phenomenal with gift certificates. Administrator Lynch donated four basketballs to help out, we're looking for other help that anyone can provide. We're talking with Dick's Sporting goods for four basketball hoops. Attorney Steve Primo asked how it was going to work, if it would be business sponsored. Justus said anyone can come in to

participate. Justus spoke with A&D Embroidery and they have offered a discount on t-shirts that can be purchased, \$6.00 for front printing and \$8 for front and back. Attorney Primo said he would normally be concerned with insurance but it's no different than any recreation program we might have like the Bridge House Brats and it's in our best interest to have the street shut down for publicity and safety. Attorney Primo said if you're going to have business sponsors he would like to sponsor a team. Attorney Primo asked Justus to fill out a facility use request. A resolution was made by Trustee John Halstead to shut down State Street on August 16, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

### **Administrator Jim Lynch**

Administrator Jim Lynch said John Kerfien asked if he could rent a mini-excavator for a week, the cost is \$835.00 to do a laundry list of projects. He needs to do some work at the Library for the parking lot extension, drain pipe replacement at 26, 28 & 32 Cherry Street, clean and repair creek banks, clean out a drain pipe on Homestead to the railroad tracks. A motion was made by Trustee David Pendergast to rent the excavator, seconded by Trustee John Halstead. All ayes.

Administrator Lynch said he has put some information in your board packet about lawn and leaf bags. Lynch has contacted Lynett Greco at the town to see if they wanted to share the cost. It does get pricy with shipping and to get enough to last us through the season. It might be possible to do something with another municipality. Administrator Lynch said if anyone has any other ideas please let him know. Lynch also put in the board packets information for the inspection and cleaning of the water tower. The inspection and cleaning is reasonably priced the pressure washing not so much. Lynch said he is still looking into this. The inspection is \$2,500 and the cleaning the interior of the tank is \$3,000 the exterior cleaning is upwards of \$25,000 so he's trying to find out what that entails and is trying to get other prices.

Lynch said there's also information in your board packet from Miller Engineers that you'll want to read and we need to make a decision by the next meeting about our water improvements, we do have a date set by the Oswego Health Department and we need to make a decision as to what we're going to do and even if it's to allow Miller Engineers to do their portion of the project.

Lynch now has plans for the bathhouse and asked Primo how we proceed on this. Attorney Primo asked what the total amount of construction will be. Lynch said we don't have a total yet and we want to do some work ourselves. Attorney Primo said we were trying to keep it so we would not have to go out for a formal bid and keep it under the Village Procurement Policy, he asked Lynch to get him a copy of it and he'll have Attorney Courtney Hills prepare the bid quote and then all you do is break it up, that way the project cost by component is below \$35,000 and then we can do it as an informal bid process where we fax things out. Primo will speak with Doug Miller tomorrow.

Administrator Lynch said North Country is here repairing the sidewalks on Lock Street. They should wrap things up this week. Deputy Mayor Dunn said there are some areas that still have sink holes on Mechanic and State Street, the curbing is gone in one area and the rain water is isn't going into the catch basin which is collecting in a driveway. Trustee Pendergast asked if there was another sink hole coming in on Brandy Brook at the end, it looks like there's one that they've been trying to fill and then it looks like another one is starting. Lynch said they've

patched it and fixed it but that don't have answers to it. Lynch said it looks like they need to dig it up and fix it right. Seaway Earth & Pipe realize there's a problem, they assume responsibly but they don't want to do any work, so he's trying to get them to come back in and dig it out, there's no other solution. Attorney Primo said once we see what needs to be done then we can look at our contractual rights and what the cost to cure is, basically we should be able to recover compliant made during the warranty period. We need our engineer to look at it. Deputy Dunn said the problem on Bridge and Main Street was rectified; the water wasn't even going in the catch basin so they put another one in so that has been taken care of.

Trustee David Pendergast asked Lynch asked about State Street pump station and how it's running. Lynch said it's running better, they put the other pump back in and the big pump just got worn out in the past couple weeks, they're watching it. DPW has been down there a lot and trying to tweak it, they want to put in another basket because cleaning it out is a nightmare, it takes two to three hours. Deputy Dunn asked if anything else has been done about the grease issues. Lynch said the Code Enforcement Officer, Don Ryan has sent out 10 letters to local businesses, restaurants, schools, the convenience store, in that letter was a timeframe and a sample of a grease trap unit that is reasonably priced. Don will then do an inspection. Lynch said he saw the grease in there on Sunday and it's unbelievable. John Kerfien said it's from the businesses as well as residents and he thinks with the new basket it will help breakup the grease ball.

### **Attorney Steve Primo**

Attorney Primo said Edward Dale contacted him about a piece of property he owns here in the Village. He'd like to donate this parcel to the Village, the taxes owed are approximately \$1,200 it's a 7.66 acre parcel. Attorney Primo will outline it on the tax map and we should probably take a look at it and maybe accept the donation. Primo will provide the details for the next meeting and then we can take a look at it and he will contact Mr. Dale. Clerk Roxanne Demo asked about Kristy LaManche and the Main St. Project. Attorney Primo said Kristy went out and got quotes but he hasn't had a chance to review it yet. Whatever is urgent we can do a phone poll for Phase I. Kristy had previously gotten quotes for Phase I environmental assessment which is required for the Main Street grant program and those are received by the Village, he believes Doug Millers price being the lowest. Primo said lets hold off and whatever is on fire we can ask for a board poll.

### **Abstract**

Deputy Mayor Dunn asked if anyone had any questions or concerns with Abstract #10 dated July 15, 2014 in the amount of \$356,815.33. Trustee David Pendergast made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 276-301; water fund vouchers 281-301; sewer fund vouchers 278-301; library fund vouchers 58-62 and trust and agency fund vouchers 44-48, seconded by Trustee John Halstead. All ayes.

Deputy Mayor Dunn said we need to ratify the board telephone poll for Abstract #9 dated July 1, 2014 in the amount of \$321,458.18. Trustee John Halstead made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 232-270; water fund vouchers 232-275; sewer fund vouchers 232-275; capital water/sewer projects vouchers 257-258; library fund vouchers 51-57 and trust and agency fund vouchers 39-43, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

## **Old Business**

Meeting minutes for Regular Board Meeting on June 17, 2014, Deputy Mayor Dunn asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Motion was made by Trustee John Halstead to approve, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

## **Public Comments**

Joan Pacia from Pendergast Road addressed the board members, she is a member of the Phoenix Library Board and is here tonight to say thank you for your constant support of the Library. It's important that you realize how much we appreciate it, which is not only monetary but you also plow the driveway and we wouldn't be able to open without that, along with lawn care and trash pickup. There are 1,200 residents' that have library cards and Joan wants everyone to know that you're not only helping book lovers and computers users but the programs. Right now we have the annual summer reading program for children, it's six weeks long, five days a week and the special needs children come over to participate also. There are movies on Thursdays and Monday night's there's Music at the Park where the library is providing crafts for the children. They have two book clubs, one knitting group, a quilling group, card making club, and lots of people using the Century Club Room, it's used all the time by people that have jewelry presentations, local office's and they love our library, they have a private space to work and most importantly they have people who welcome them there. They have a nutrition experts you name it, the Century Club Room is used a lot, teachers use the room for meetings and last night there was a power point presentation on global warming. It is staffed by people who are dedicated to their job and it's a wonderful asset to everyone in this community and I just want to thank everyone again. Chief Nerber asked about the summer reading program and if it's something that the officers could participate in. Joan asked Chief Nerber to contact the library and they'd be glad to set something up.

Carole Sponable said on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am we will be entertaining the Oswego County Tourism Advisory Board which she is a member of down at Henley Park if anyone from the Village would like come and say "hello" that would be great. Carole gave a report on the concert series it has started off great and she has to thank Kirsty LaManche for all her help also the Police Department is helping us and the kids are really enjoying the library participation. We've had three concerts so far and we've had about 700 people in all. Carole has turned donations, two to the Town and one to the Village which is around \$550.00. Carole said that Tom Gilbo & The Blue Suedes (Elvis) was very popular and last night we had Joe Whiting and Flat Face & the Shemp Dells were Friday night and they are all very popular.

Motion was made by Trustee John Halstead to move into executive session pursuant to open meeting laws. Matters leading to the employment history of a particular person or persons and also matters leading to the appointment, employment or promotion of a particular person or persons at 7:45pm. Seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:55pm.

Motion was made by Trustee John Halstead to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer